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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION

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LOOKING HORSE, TRAVIS PLAITED
HAIR, JIMMY ST. GODDARD, PETE
STANDING ALONE, and NOLAN
YELLOW KIDNEY, et. al.,

Plaintiffs

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
RYAN ZINKE, Secretary, U.S.
Department of the Interior, UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE

Case No. 9:17-cv-00089-DLC-
JCL

**FEDERAL DEFENDANTS'
MOTION TO STAY**

INTERIOR, JIM KURTH, Acting
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
UNITED STATES FISH AND
WILDLIFE SERVICE, and HILARY
COOLEY, Grizzly Bear Recovery
Coordinator,

Federal Defendants.

Federal Defendants seek a stay in the above captioned case, as well as *Humane Society v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services*, CV 17-117-M-DLC; *N. Cheyenne Tribe v. Zinke*, CV 17-119-M-DLC; *Alliance for the Wild Rockies v. Zinke*, CV 17-123-M-DLC; *WildEarth Guardians v. Zinke*, CV 17-118-M-DLC.

For the reasons discussed in the memorandum in support of Federal Defendant's motion to stay and the supporting Declaration of Dr. Hilary Cooley, the Court should stay proceedings in these consolidated cases and order Federal Defendants to file a status report on or before April 13, 2018, updating the Court on FWS's administrative process and proposing a schedule for the remainder of the litigation.

Federal Defendants have conferred with the parties regarding this motion. Plaintiffs oppose the stay. Defendant-Intervenors, the State of Idaho and Safari Club International/National Rifle Association, do not

oppose. The State of Wyoming takes no position on the motion until it has a chance to review the pleading.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE & COMPLIANCE

I hereby certify that on December 21, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System which will send notification of such filing to the attorneys of record.

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